

Creating a Custom Google Search Engine

Creating your own custom search engine will limit the sites your students can search.

Steps to Creating the Custom Search Engine

1. Got to: <http://www.google.com>
2. Sign in using your Google account information. (If you don't have a Google account go to www.google.com and create one.)
3. Click on the more then even more and then custom search
4. Click the "Create a Custom Search Engine" button
5. Follow the on-screen prompts and fill out the necessary information to create your own search engine.

Editing the Custom Search Engine

1. Go to <http://www.google.com>
2. Sign in to your Google account.
3. Click on the more then even more and then manage your existing search engine (below the create a custom search engine button)
4. Choose the control panel option
5. You will see links for different options of your search. For example you would click sites to see what sites are included in your search engine and you could add or delete them as needed. (note: you can exclude sites from your custom search)
6. To go back to the custom search page you can click "overview" or you can go to the bottom of the screen and click "Google home" to go back to the main Google page.

Sharing A Custom Search Engine

When you initially create a custom search engine the final in the creation process will allow you to get the embedded code to put in a web site or other web based tool or the URL to share via email or within a web based tool. Once your Custom Search Engine is complete you can always go back and get your code or URL. The steps are as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.google.com>
2. Sign in to your Google account.
3. Click on the more then even more and then manage your existing search engine.
4. Choose the control panel option
5. Click on preview
6. Choose either code or homepage.
 - a) If you choose code you will be taken to a window where you will highlight and copy the embedded code and place it into your web site or other web based tool.
 - b) If you choose the homepage link on the preview screen you will be taken to your custom search engine home page where you can copy the URL of the page and drop that into an email or other web based tool for sharing.